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சபையில் கொண்டு வருவது நல்லதல்ல என்றும் எண்ணினேன். பொறுக்கு கமிட்டியில் இதைப்பற்றி நன்றாக அலசிப் பார்க்கலாம். அங்கே கனம் சின்னதுரை அவர்கள் வந்து இந்தக் கருத்துக்களை எல்லாம் எடுத்துச் சொல்லி எனக்கு அதுதான் நியாயம் என்று புரிய வைப்பார்களேயானால் அவைகளை ஒப்புக்கொள்ளலாம். அதில் எனக்கு எந்தவிதமான ஆட்சேபணையும் இல்லை என்பதைத் திறந்த மனதோடு தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

The amendment of Sri T. Sampath was, by leave, withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras Pawn-brokers (Amendment) Bill, 1960, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members :—

1. Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu
2. Sri P. G. Karuthiruman
3. Sri T. Sampath
4. Sri K. S. G. Haja Sheriff
5. Sri S. Khadir Sheriff
6. Sri A. Rathnavel Gounder
7. Sri A. Chinnasami
8. Sri S. Ramakrishna Thevar
9. Srimathi P. K. R. Lakshmikantham
10. Sri N. K. Palanisami
11. Sri D. S. Authimoolam
12. Sri P. S. Chinnadurai
13. Sri S. Ramasami Thevar
14. Sri V. Subbiah
15. Sri K. Anbazhagan."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER : Under Rule 99 (1) of the Assembly Rules, I nominate Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu to be the Chairman of the Select Committee.

(5) THE MADRAS NURSES AND MIDWIVES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 (L.A. BILL NO. 22 OF 1960)

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move :

"That the Madras Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1960), be taken into consideration."

Sir, with a view to have a uniform law applicable to the entire State of Madras, as now reconstituted after the reorganization of States, it is proposed to enact legislation to extend the Madras

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Nurses and Midwives Act, 1926, to the transferred territory, i.e., the Kanyakumari District and the Shencottah taluk of the Tirunelveli District and to repeal the Travancore-Cochin Nurses and Midwives Act, 1953, which is now in force in that area. As the proposal could not be included in the Madras Transferred Territory Extension of Laws Bill, 1957, for want of time, a separate Bill for the extension of the Act of 1926 has been prepared. It has been proposed to take this opportunity to make certain minor amendments also to the Act.

The Madras Nurses and Midwives Act, 1926, as it stands at present, provides for the registration of nurses and midwives in this State. It has been considered expedient to bring within the scope of the Act all health visitors and auxiliary nurse-midwives and provide for their registration by a suitable amendment of the Act.

புதிதாகச் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் கன்னியாகுமரி, செங்கோட்டை பிராந்தியத்திற்கும் நம் பிரதேசத்தில் இருக்கும் சட்டத்தை விஸ்தரிப்பதற்காகத்தான் இந்த மசோதா கொண்டு வரப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதில் இரண்டொரு திருத்தங்களும் இருக்கின்றன. அங்கு இப்போது இருக்கும் சட்டத்தில் நர்ஸ்கள் பதிவு செய்து கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்றிருக்கிறது. இப்போதுள்ள விதிப்படி ஹெல்த் விஸிட்டர்களும் ஆக்ஸிலரி நர்ஸ்களும் பதிவு செய்து கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்று சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இது தவிர வேறு ஒரு மாற்றமும் இதில் இல்லை. ஆகவே இதில் பெரிய சர்ச்சை செய்ய வேண்டிய அவசியம் ஒன்றுமில்லை என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

SRI T. T. DANIEL: While supporting this Bill, I would like to bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister some difficulty that has been caused by Clause 7. Only such of those nurses and midwives before the first day of November 1956, they alone, are considered as having been registered as a nurse or midwife under the present Act. Even after 1—11—1956 there have been several nurses and midwives appointed by the Government and they are all working in the various Departments. I would request the Hon. Minister that all those nurses and midwives who have been appointed on 1—11—1956 or after 1—11—1956 till the commencement of the Act should be considered as deemed to have a right to be registered as a nurse or midwife as the case may be under this Act. Otherwise such of those nurses and midwives who have been appointed after the date of merger fall outside the scope of the Act and it would appear that they would not be deemed as having been registered under this Act. I would request the Hon. Minister to enlarge the scope of the Act so that it may also apply to persons who are appointed subsequent to the date of merger. I would say that till the date of the commencement of the Act all midwives and nurses who are on service should be considered as deemed to have registered their names under this Act.

Then, another thing is with regard to the prohibition of unauthorised conferment of degrees, diplomas, licences, and certificates to midwives and nurses. This is really a wholesome

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measure. It is not clearly stated whether this is a cognizable offence or a non-cognizable offence and whether it is bailable or not. The procedure that has to be adopted by the Government to punish persons or institutions which violated the provisions of Clause 13 has not been stated. I think that provision is also necessary in this Act.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I think the year 1956 is to be mentioned as a crucial date. We have to make some provision as to the state of affairs before that year. So, that thing is specifically mentioned. But anything after the year will be governed by the Act. So, I think that is why there was no mention about it.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

" That the Madras Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1960), be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried, and the Bill was taken into consideration. 12 a.m.

Clauses 2 to 16 were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move—

" That the Madras Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1960), be passed."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

" That the Madras Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1960), be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

VI. RULING RE. OMISSION OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLAUSE IN A BILL.

MR. SPEAKER : Before we adjourn, I should like to answer the point raised by the Hon. Minister for Industries this morning.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, may I first make my point and then you can give your ruling.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I am only raising it for academic interest. The rule that an amendment seeking to delete a Clause is not permissible, is derived from May's Parliamentary Practice. It says that no amendment shall seek to delete a clause. That is to say, if any Member or Opposition Member wants that a particular clause should be omitted, he has to vote it down and he cannot seek to delete it.